THE CONFESSION AND EXECUTION

Of the Five PRISONERS
That ſuffered on the New Gallows at

TYBURN

On *Friday* the 6th of September, 1678.

At which time were Executed

Daniel Maſſey, *Hannah Smith*, otherwiſe call'd
John Johnſon. *Hebſhebeth Cobb*.
Sarah Brampfield. *Anne Davis*, alias *Smalman*.

WITH

Brief Notes of Two SERMONS

Preached before them after Condemnation, their Carriage in Priſon, and laſt Speeches at the place of Execution.

With Allowance.

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The Confeſſion & Execution of the ſeveral Priſoners that ſuffered on the New Gallows at *Tyburn*, on *Friday* the 6th of *September*, 1678.

AT the laſt Seſſions there were in all Ten perſons Condemned to die; Four men for Robberies on the Highway, and Six women for Felonies here in Town, either *Lifting* (as they call it) of Goods out of Shops, or elſe Robbing thoſe whom they pretended to ſerve: both which wicked Practiſes are become ſo common, and more than once followed by theſe incorrigible Priſoners, that it was highly neceſſary to make them Exemplary. Two of the beforementioned men, *viz.* thoſe concerned in that barbarous Aſſault and Robbery, whereof a particular Narrative hath been made publick by the unexpected Mediation of ſome generous Friends; and the women whoſe Crimes had not been ſo great and obſtinately continued in as the others, obtained his Majeſties gracious Reprieve: and another woman, immediately after ſhe ſtood attainted, was reprieved by the Court, in reguard

ſhe was found by a Female Jury to be quick with Childe.

The Reſt came this day to ſuffer, being charitably indulged in pity to their Souls, ſo long time to fit and prepare themſelves for their great and terrible Change. In order to which, on the Lords-day before, there were two Sermons on moſt ſuitable Texts preached before them in the Chappel of *Newgate*. That in the Forenoon on the fifth verſe of the 38 Pſalm --- *My wounds ſtink and are corrupt, becauſe of my fooliſhneſs:* Wherein the Miniſter very pathetically laid open the deplorable Condition ſuch ſinners are in by Nature, wallowing not onely in their original Depravity and Corruption, but in continued actual Tranſgreſſions againſt the holy Laws of God; whereby they become abominable, and as a loathſome ſtench in the Noſtrils of that pure Majeſty and all good men; and all this occaſioned by their own fooliſhneſs, that is, their wilful rebellion and obſtinacy againſt all the dictates of Reaſon, offers of Grace, and impulſes of the Holy Spirit upon their Conſciences. Which having, like a true *Bonaerges*, hereby endeavoured to awaken, and put them into a ſerious ſenſe and apprehenſion of their loſt, undone, and periſhing Eſtate, without ſpeedy and ſincere Repentance.

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In the Afternoon, as a Son of Conſolation, from the 147 Pſalm, verſ. 3. *He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds*, he came to ſhew them the infinite Mercies of God, and Love of Jeſus Chriſt, if they would come in and accept of Pardon and Salvation upon Goſpel-terms. That although they had made their wounds to feſter and rankle by their fooliſhneſs, and had Souls all over beſpread with a filthy Leproſie, yet there was Balm in *Gilead*, an Almighty Phyſician, both able and willing to heal them, if they would ſubmit to his Preſcriptions. In order to which, he gave them divers moſt neceſſary and excellent Directions; Not to deceive themſelves with a falſe and palliated Cure, but to cloſe with Chriſt on his own Terms, and in all his Offices, as their King to Rule them, and their Prophet to Guide them, as well as their Prieſt to Intercede and make Atonement for them. To hate Sin more, becauſe it was diſpleaſing to God, than becauſe it brought upon them temporal or eternal Puniſhments. To be as deſirous to be Holy as to be Happy; becauſe none can be juſtified until they are ſanctified, *&c.*

During the whole time of Religious Worſhip, and the Sermons, they behaved themſelves very Reverently and Attentively;

tively; nor was the Minister wanting afterwards, daily to visit them, with pressing Exhortations, and necessary directions to fit them for their last end; especially charging them to disburthen their Consciences, and give glory to God by a free and hearty Confession of their Sins; which had so good an effect, as to bring them to an Acknowledgment; not only in general terms, but particularly bewailing the Ill Courses of their past Lives; in neglect of the publick Divine Worship, Violation of the Lords day, Drunkenness, Swearing, and continual practises of Lascivious Debauchery; Two of them above the rest abounding in expressions of Penitence, and endeavouring to improve those few moments of their Lives, to work out their Salvation, and make their peace with God; begging heartily forgiveness from his most holy Majesty, for their Rebellion against his Precepts, and of all those whom they had wronged, by violent taking away their Temporal Goods.

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Some of the Women had been Condemned before, and would often bewail the wickedneſs of their Hearts, that would take no warning thereby: the Men alleadged, they were ignorantly drawn in to that ill Fact, for which they ſuffer'd, being their firſt of that kind, and rather by the unhappy operation of too much Drink, than any premeditated deſign; yet confeſſed, they had more than once deſerved to Dye, and freely acknowledged the juſtice of the puniſhment they were to ſuffer.

At the place of Execution they ſaid little, beſides thoſe common, but too much neglected Exhortations, deſiring all preſent to take Warning by them, and remember their Creator in the days of their youth; Not to ſuffer themſelves to be ſeduced by Ill Company, or ſenſual pleaſures, which had been the means of their deſtruction, and would be ſo of all, that did not continually keep a reverent fear of God, and his Worſhip and Laws in their Hearts.

Thus

Thus heartily praying to God for Forgiveneſs, and to receive their Souls for the alone Merits of his bleſſed Son; and deſiring all good people to joyn with them and for them in thoſe Supplications, they ſubmitted to the Sentence, and taking their leave of all things in this world, were wafted into the unfathomable Regions of Eternity.

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